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I talked with Admiral Felix Johnson about you and told him that I would like very much to have you. He looked into the matter and he tells me that you are buttoned up for the job to which you have been assigned. Much as we would be glad to get you, I must admit rather selfishly that this does not make me unhappy because the P.W. desk in CNO's office is one of our most important points of contact. I do not think you will find it to be quite what it seems on the surface.

My suggestion is to come in and take your chair gracefully, after which we will talk over personally the matter of futures. At present, however, it looks as though you must hang on the hook for a little while until you can be lifted off.

Faithfully,

*W. B. Smith*Walter B. Smith
Director

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